

## Proclamation

John Brunold was destined to find success in the hotel business. He grew up in Cape Town, South Africa, where his father was head concierge of the Five Diamond Mount Nelson Hotel for over 25 years. John eventually left South Africa to attend the Ealing Hotel and Catering College in London and interned at the prestigious Connaught Hotel.

Upon graduation from college, John moved to the Bahamas and was employed by the 1200 King's Inn and Golf Club. For six years, he worked in various positions including assistant front office manager, purchasing manager and resident manager. It was in the Bahamas that he met his wife, Jill.

John spent the next 15 years at Holiday Inn locations throughout the United States where he would develop his talent for turning under-producing properties into profitable entities.

In 1994, John's desire to live in Hawai'i led him to the Hawaiian Hotels and Resorts to manage their 425 room Royal Kona Resort on the beautiful Big Island. His valuable managing style once again succeeded in bringing this under-performing property once again out of the red and into the black. In 1998, John was invited to administer the flagship property, the Royal Lahāina Resort in Ka'anapali, Maui. Under his leadership, the resort significantly increased their operating profits as well.

John's ability to maximize profits while enhancing the quality and level of guest services is greatly appreciated. His open-door policy and charismatic approach is well-received by the many of the employees who have had the pleasure of working with him.

In addition to a busy schedule, John is active in community affairs. He is an officer and member of Rotary International and a member of the Hawai'i Hotel and Lodging Association, SKAL Club International of Hawai'i and Local Chapter of the American Cancer Society. He served as the chairman of the 2004 Cancer Society of Maui's Relay for Life Walk, leading the fundraising event to a record high of \$70,000.

On August 31, 2006, John will retire from the Hawaiian Hotels and Resorts. He has truly been the epitome of hospitality, and the Royal Lahāina Resort 'ohana will greatly miss this compassionate and skillful leader.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2006, as

## JOHN BRUNOLD DAY

in Hawai'i, and extend our sincere appreciation for his exemplary leadership in our tourism industry.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of August 2006.

Linda Lingle

Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona,

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i